

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend claim 1. Please cancel claims 4-5, 8-9, 11-12, and 43-84. Please add new claims 85-90. These changes are reflected in the following listing:

1.(Amended) A method of sharing a video segment over a computer network, the network comprising a receiving computer and a plurality of other computers including a destination computer, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving at the receiving computer the video segment sent over the computer network from one of the plurality of other computers;

(b) performing automatically at the receiving computer, in direct response to a command received over the network, the steps of:

(b1) assuring that the video segment is in a streaming video format;

(b2) creating at least an identification tag for the video segment to identify the video segment, the identification tag including a network-accessible location;

(b3) storing the video segment under the control of the receiving computer in the streaming video format at the network-accessible location; and

(b4) returning the identification tag to the one of the plurality of other computers in an electronic mail communication;

(c) receiving the identification tag at the receiving computer; and

(d) in response to the receipt of the identification tag at the receiving computer, streaming the video segment in the streaming video format over the network to the destination computer.

2.(Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising causing the video segment to be displayed at the destination computer.

3.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the video segment comprises an image with associated audio information.

4-5.(Canceled)

6.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer network comprises a cellular communication connection.

7.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer network comprises a wireless networking connection.

8-9.(Canceled)

10.(Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the identifier comprises a selected one of an image, a file handle, a storage location, an address, a Universal Resource Locator (URL), a file name, an interactive control, and a control object operating according to the Component Object Model (COM).

11-12.(Canceled)

13.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises receiving the video segment which is sent in association with an upload form residing on a World Wide Web (Web) page

14.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises receiving the video segment which is sent in association with a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) transfer.

15.(Original) The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises receiving the video segment which includes information supplied by a sender at the one of the plurality of other computers.

16.(Original) The method of claim 15, where the information comprises information describing a streaming format into which the receiving computer converts the video segment.

17.(Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises an identification of the sender.

18.(Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the identification of the sender comprises a proper name.

19.(Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the identification of the sender comprises a username.

20.(Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the identification of the sender comprises a password.

21.(Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises a return address of the sender.

22.(Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the return address comprises an e-mail address.

23.(Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises an identifier of the video segment.

24.(Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a title.

25.(Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a name.

26.(Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a date the video segment was produced.

27.(Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a location relating to the video segment.

28.(Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the identifier comprises a subject relating to the video segment.

29.(Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises a comment about the video segment.

30.(Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises a period of time during which the video segment will be available.

31.(Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises information relating to a priority order of processing a video segment by the receiving computer.

32.(Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises an instruction for transmittal of a response.

33.(Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a formatting instruction.

34.(Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a speed of transmission.

35.(Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a transmission protocol to be used.

36.(Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a format of a physical medium to be used in sending a physical machine-readable copy of the video segment.

37.(Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a resolution of the video segment.

38.(Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises an image quality of the video segment.

39.(Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the instruction comprises a display format of the video segment on a destination computer.

40.(Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the information comprises financial information.

41.(Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the financial information comprises a credit card number.

42.(Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the financial information comprises a financial account identifier.

43-84.(Canceled)

85.(New) A method for operating a video-sharing server on a network comprising:
receiving a video and an electronic mail address;
confirming that the video is in a streaming video format;
storing the video at a network-accessible location;
generating an identification tag including a link to the network-accessible location;
generating an electronic communication containing the link and addressed to the electronic mail address; and
transmitting the electronic communication.

86. (New) The method of claim 85 wherein receiving the video includes at least one of receiving an FTP upload, receiving an HTTP post, receiving an electronic mail, and receiving an instant message.

87. (New) The method of claim 85 further comprising publishing the link to a Web page.

88. (New) The method of claim 85 further comprising receiving a mailing list including a plurality of e-mail addresses and transmitting the electronic message to the plurality of e-mail addresses.

89. (New) The method of claim 85 wherein link includes one or more of a path, a URL, an IP address, and a file name.

90. (New) A method for operating a video-sharing server on a network comprising:
receiving a video and a cellular phone address;
confirming that the video is in a streaming video format;
storing the video at a network-accessible location;
generating an identification tag including a link to the network-accessible location;
generating an electronic communication containing the link and addressed to the cellular phone address; and
transmitting the electronic communication.